

THANKING MR. EVERETT COLEMAN FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS RETIREMENT

### HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2022*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Mr. Everett Coleman for his many years of service to the United States Congress and congratulate him on his retirement.

A Navy veteran, Everett served our country in uniform before serving as a civilian. For the last 14 years, Everett has served as a crucial member of the House Armed Services Committee's staff.

Everett's contributions to this committee and the country's national security have been immeasurable. He has worked countless hours, whether late at night or on weekends, to keep the committee running and prepared to fulfil its duties. As the lead for the committee's technology, Everett has served the over 60 members and 70 staff throughout the years with distinction. The Armed Services Committee would not have functioned without him. I can say unequivocally that the committee would not have passed consecutive National Defense Authorizations Acts (NDAA's) each year without the tireless work and support of Everett.

Since 2007, Everett has kept the committee on track. Everett's role on the committee has not been easy. I suspect that no one on staff has ever called to let him know that the network was operating properly and that all the systems were okay. Rather, Everett has stepped up to make last minute fixes to ensure that a hearing started on time and dropped everything to ensure staff had the ability to communicate while abroad. Everett was also instrumental in moving the committee to an all-digital process for the markup of the NDAA. Further, as the Congress grappled with how to safely continue operations during the COVID-19 pandemic, Everett played a critical role to ensure the Armed Services Committee continued to be able to communicate, access data, and most importantly, meet and conduct effective oversight, ensuring the enactment of consecutive annual NDAA's.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the House Armed Services Committee, I extend our deepest appreciation to Everett for his dedicated service to the committee, the Congress, and the military and civilian personnel of the Armed Forces. We wish him well as he leaves the committee to enjoy his well-earned retirement.

### TRIBUTE TO JAMIE BERRY ON HER LIFE AND WORK

### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2022*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of my constituent

and friend Jamie Berry, who died on November 9, 2022, after a valiant two-year battle with ALS. After exchanging many letters with Jamie, I had the privilege of meeting her on October 6, 2022, at her home in San Jose, California. Her mother, a fierce protector and loving caregiver, asked me to visit Jamie who was by then unable to leave her home. I found a beautiful woman unable to move, but who had a clear voice to tell me her hopes, fears and dreams. Jamie was a great inspiration to me, and she knew that I would continue her work to raise funds for the treatment and a cure for ALS.

Jamie was diagnosed with ALS in 2020. Prior to her diagnosis, she excelled in her sales career, helped run her family's business, and loved to ride ATVs and camp at her family's ranch near the Almaden Quicksilver mines. After her diagnosis, she put all of her energy and determination into her advocacy for ALS patients and their families. Through her superb leadership, infectious humor and kind heart, she recruited a large group of friends from across the country to help her advocate for ALS patients. During my Health Subcommittee hearing on the ACT for ALS legislation on November 4, 2021, I quoted Jamie:

"With ALS, a piece of you dies every single day. We are simply asking for a fighting chance to live the lives we were meant to live."

Thanks to Jamie, the Act for ALS became law on December 23, 2021.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House to join me in extending our most sincere condolences to Jamie's family, especially her beloved husband Jason, her adored daughter Chloe, her devoted mother Deborah, her sister Lesha, and her many relatives and friends. Jamie was a fervent and effective advocate and her work will live on as a testament to her life of love and courage.

### CELEBRATING THE GENEROSITY OF MR. RALPH ROTELLA

### HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2022*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the generosity of Ralph Rotella, owner of Discount Shoe Repair in Syracuse and driving force behind Ralph's Rescue Mission Shoe Drive.

In 2010, Ralph Rotella was inspired to start Ralph's Rescue Mission Shoe Drive after seeing a homeless person outside of his shop, walking in the cold with their toe sticking out. He made the decision to provide that person with a pair of usable shoes. From that day, Ralph began annually collecting, repairing, and donating shoes to the Syracuse Rescue Mission to help more people in need.

In Ralph's first year of operating the Shoe Drive, he donated less than 100 pairs of shoes. Each year since then, he has steadily expanded his operation, and in 2021, donated 37,370 pairs of shoes—one of the largest donations the Rescue Mission has ever received.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring Ralph Rotella for his determined efforts to aid underserved members of our Central New York community.

### HONORING THE CAREER OF CONGRESSMAN KURT SCHRADER

### HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2022*

Ms. BONAMICI. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the career of my colleague and neighboring Oregon delegation member, Congressman KURT SCHRADER. KURT's long career in public service started in Salem, where he served in both the Oregon House and Senate before being elected to Congress in 2008. KURT has always been known as a practical lawmaker who wants to get things done for the people of his district. As the sole veterinarian in Congress, KURT is a prominent voice in the work to end animal cruelty and advocated for bipartisan solutions to safeguard public health. KURT is also known for his leadership in fighting to uplift Oregon farmers. Through his service on the Agriculture Committee and in strengthening several farm bills, KURT has helped put Oregon's specialty crops in a place to compete and succeed.

I am particularly grateful to have partnered with KURT to hold our government accountable for its long and shameful history of separating Native American children from their families. KURT has thoughtfully led our work regarding the challenges around Chemawa Indian School in Salem, Oregon, and our efforts to provide oversight on whether the school can protect the well-being of its students and get them on a path to academic success. KURT has demanded answers from both Democratic and Republican Administrations and has not wavered from the fight to stand up for the students and their families.

KURT will depart with a strong legacy of serving his constituents and championing bipartisan legislative successes. I offer my best wishes to KURT, his wife, Susan, and his hard-working staff in Oregon and in Washington, D.C.

### MEMORIALIZING JEAN MONNET

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2022*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am grateful, as Co-Chair of the Congressional French Caucus, to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Jean Monnet through the legislation I co-sponsored creating a commemorative work in Rock Creek Park to honor his international peace contributions.

Jean Monnet is often referred to as the "Father of Europe" for his role in initiating the dream for the European Union, which today is one of our largest trading partners. During World War II, Jean Monnet took up residence here in Washington, D.C., and contributed to the "Victory Program" with the United States, helping the allied powers retake his home country after its fall in 1940.

After the war, Jean Monnet worked tirelessly to integrate European nations with the United States, and create a lasting transatlantic cooperation. His diplomatic work led to the creation of the European Union.